GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:53
ANSWERED ON:20.02.2001
SALE OF COUNTRY MADE REVOLVERS .
RAMJI MANJHI

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that kattas (country-made revolvers) are freely and easily available in the markets of Delhi at a price of Rs. 350/- to Rs. 1500/-;

(b) if so, the number of persons apprehended under the Arms Act during the last two years and the type of weapons recovered from them; and

(c) the steps taken by Delhi Police to make Capital City a safer place to live?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a): No, Sir. However, isolated clandestine sale of such weapons cannot be ruled out.

(b): The requisite information is given at the attached statement.

(c): The steps taken by Delhi Police to improve law and order situation in Delhi include surveillance on sale of illegal/unlicensed arms; intensification of beat patrolling; posting of armed pickets at strategic points; strengthening of intelligence network; close watch on and frequent raids at the suspected hide-outs of criminals and terrorists; verification of antecedents of domestic servants; increased surveillance on history sheeters; coordination meeting with officers of neighbouring States; meetings with members of Residents Welfare Associations; formation of anti-terrorist cell in each police district; and deployment of police personnel in plain clothes in running buses, market places, business places and other crime-prone places.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.53 DUE FOR ANSWE 20.02.2001.

	1999	2000
PERSONS APPREHENDED	2663	3043
TOTAL NUMBER OF WEAPONS RECOVERED	1572	1739
TYPE OF WEAPONS RECOVERED		
AK-47	1	4
ENGLISH REVOLVER/PISTOL	43	43
RIFLE	-	1
DBBC GUN	-	3
DESI PISTOL/KATTA	279	281
DESI GUN	10	1
KNIFE/ KHUKRI/ DAGGER/TALWAR /KIRPAN	1239	1406